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1. In July 1953, the 85 Sailor Division, a water transportation unit, was an independent division of the Fukien Military District, with the 253 Regiment assigned to and under the direct command of the 31 Army.¹ The code numbers of the regiments under the 85 Sailor Division were as follows:²
 - a. The 253 Regiment was the 8051 Unit.
 - b. The 254 Regiment was the 8052 Unit.
 - c. The 255 Regiment was the 8053 Unit.
2. On 19 September one battalion of the 85 Sailor Division and two battalions of the 13 Public Security Division were disposed in Tungtai (N 26-14, E 119-37), Hsiaoao (N 26-14, E 119-38), Paisheng (N 26-14, E 119-40), Tinghai (N 26-18, E 119-47), Hsiaooh'eng (N 26-18, E 119-48), Huangch'i (N 26-20, E 119-54), and Peichiao (N 26-22, E 119-58).
3. On 2 November the headquarters of the 85 Sailor Division was at Mawei (N 26-00, E 119-26). The subordinate regiments under the sailor division were disposed as follows:
 - a. The headquarters of the 253 Regiment was at Kaoch'i (N 24-34, E 118-06), with subordinate units deployed in the area from Tungshan (N 23-44, E 117-30) to Chinchiang (N 24-56, E 118-36) Bay.

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- b. The headquarters of the 254 Regiment was at the Min River Estuary, with subordinate units at Shach'eng (N 27-10, E 120-26), Santuao (N 26-39, E 119-41), and the Min River Estuary.
- c. The headquarters of the 255 Regiment was at Kaoshan (N 25-28, E 119-34), with subordinate units at Haik'ou (N 25-42, E 119-28), P'ingt'an (N 25-30, E 119-46) and P'uhshich'eng (N 25-08, E 119-08). The 255 Regiment assumed responsibility for defending the area from the Min River Estuary to Meichou (N 25-04, E 119-08) Island. 25X1

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Division.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. Although the 253 Regiment has not been previously reported as assigned to the 31 Army, such an arrangement does not appear 25X1 improbable. The reported status of the 85 Division as an independent unit responsible for sea patrol and transport duties (and possibly for providing a mobile reserve for the Fukien coast) would not be incompatible with the assignment of elements of the division to the regular army commands at Amoy and Foochow.

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